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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Inspector General's Survey of the Office of Medical Services

REFERENCE : Memorandum from A-DD/S, dated 2 Jan 1969, Subject as Above

1. This memorandum is for your consideration. It proposes a reply to part "a" of Recommendation No. 7 of the Inspector General's Survey of the Office of Medical Services as requested in reference.

2. The recommendation reads as follows:

"It is recommended that the Director of Medical Services:

"a. Establish a Medical Services Division to consist of the existing Psychiatric Staff and Clinical Division, each of which is to be designated as a separate branch within the Division."

3. The Psychiatric Staff was established fifteen (15) years ago as a separate entity. At that time, traditional medicine would have tended to join psychiatric and existing clinical activities together. The separateness, as provided, was an expression of the significance of psychiatry to this Agency and a promise of services beyond the classical therapeutic approach.

Our entire senior professional staff has been engaged in rethinking our total mission and function. We began last May and have been spurred on by the Inspector General's Survey and by encouragement from your own office. We can see the advantages in joining the Clinical and Psychiatric activities into one component. We do believe, however, that broader opportunities for service exist in continuing to maintain the Psychiatric Staff as a separate entity.
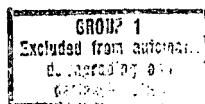
I would like to achieve the advantages in processing presumed by the Inspector General's recommendation of paragraph 7a. I think this can be done without joining the Psychiatric and Clinical activities together. In any such achievement, the relationship of the new Selection Processing Division must also be considered. We are working on these aspects of relationships and intend to achieve these objectives as our energies permit.

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